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NOTE VERBALE DATED 11 FEBRUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF LUXEMBOURG TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the Secretary-General's note No. SCPC/2/92 (1) of 28 January 1992, has the honour to inform him as follows of the action taken by Luxembourg in implementation of Security Council resolution 733 (1992):

Luxembourg proceeded with the implementation of the embargo imposed by the Security Council in its resolution 733 (1992) as soon as it received the corresponding notification from the Secretary-General. The authorities concerned were instructed to take immediate steps to implement all the provisions of the resolution concerning the embargo.

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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and, referring to his note SCPC/2/92(1) of 28 January 1992, has the honour to inform him about the implementation of Security Council resolution 733 (1992) by the Government of Ukraine.

In implementation of the Security Council decision set forth in resolution 733 (1992), the Government of Ukraine took specific steps to ensure effective compliance by all State institutions and enterprises as well as organizations and citizens of Ukraine with the general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Somalia until the Security Council decides otherwise.

In accordance with the terms of the resolution, Ukraine fully adheres to the requirements laid down in it. Observance of the embargo is strictly monitored by the relevant State bodies, including the customs inspection service and troops of the State Committee on Matters relating to Protection of the State Frontier of Ukraine.

In its foreign policy activities, Ukraine refrains from any action which might contribute to increasing tension and to impeding a settlement of the conflict in Somalia by peaceful means.

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Letter dated 11 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Liberia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a letter dated 11 February 1992 addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Gabriel Baccus Matthews, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Interim Government of National Unity of the Republic of Liberia (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons" and "Human rights questions: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) William BULL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 11 February 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present my compliments and to inform you of the efforts the people of Liberia are exerting to ensure the conduct of free and fair elections as the culminating signpost to peace and a return to democracy.

As you are aware, Liberia has been seriously affected by a tragic civil conflict, which has wrecked the foundation of the country. Through the laudable efforts of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the support of the United Nations, a cease-fire has been in effect for a little over a year and security in the capital is being maintained by the ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG).

I am pleased to inform you that, in a spirit of reconciliation, Liberians have reached a national consensus to hold free and fair elections, under international supervision, as a strategy for settling the Liberian conflict. As a manifestation of our commitment, we have held consultative meetings among ourselves and have established a five-member Elections Commission.

We have also succeeded in securing the assistance of the International Negotiations Network, headed by former President Jimmy Carter, to work out electoral modalities with the Elections Commission and help in the supervision and monitoring of the elections.

The elections will be held in accordance with the ECOWAS Peace Plan of the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee, which was approved by the Authority of the ECOWAS Heads of State and Government and endorsed by Liberians at the National Conference in March 1991.

A necessary precondition for the holding of the elections is the creation of adequate security arrangements throughout the country. In this regard, it is encouraging to note that ECOMOG has begun to take up positions throughout the country to enhance the encampment and disarming process pursuant to the Agreement reached at the Fourth Meeting of the ECOWAS Committee of Five which convened in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, on 29 October 1991.

Although progress is being made with respect to security arrangements, Liberia is just emerging from the throes of a traumatic experience and therefore lacks the requisite resources to concurrently respond to repatriation demands and the financing of the elections. As time is of the essence, it is important that progress is equally made in complementary areas.

In this connection, I wish to request, on behalf of Liberia, that the United Nations provide assistance in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/147 of 17 December 1991 which, inter alia, "calls upon the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental

organizations to provide Liberia with technical, financial and material assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Liberian refugees, returnees and displaced persons and for the rehabilitation of combatants and their families, as provided for in the national plans, which constitute important elements for facilitating the holding of democratic elections in Liberia."

It is further requested that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/137 of 17 December 1991, the United Nations provide financial and technical assistance to help the Elections Commission prepare for and conduct the forthcoming elections. In addition, we request that United Nations observers be sent to Liberia to follow the electoral process.

These two requests are consistent with existing resolutions and accords of both the OAU and ECOWAS, particularly the Yamoussoukro IV Agreement, referred to above.

Liberians share the high expectations that the United Nations will manifest much deserved support for the ECOWAS Peace Plan in a substantial way, as was envisaged in the statement made by the President of the Security Council on 22 January 1991 on this matter (S/22133).

I wish to reaffirm the unwavering commitment of the people of Liberia to democratic pluralism, which embodies the holding of free and fair elections as a basis for political stability and social progress. It is our abiding belief that the involvement of the United Nations in the electoral process will lend credibility to the results.

(Signed) Gabriel Baccus MATTHEWS
Minister

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The Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his note SCPC/2/92(1) of 28 January 1992, has the honour to communicate to the Secretary-General the measures undertaken by the Government of Norway to implement Security Council resolution 733 (1992) of 23 January 1992:

Pursuant to Act No. 4 of 7 June 1968 relating to the implementation of Mandatory Resolutions by the United Nations Security Council, the Government adopted on 7 February 1992 regulations for the implementation of resolution 733.

Paragraph 1 of the regulations states, in accordance with operative paragraph 5 of the resolution, that it is prohibited to deliver weapons or military equipment of any kind to Somalia. This prohibition applies with no personal or territorial limitations other than those laid out in paragraphs 12 and 14 of the Norwegian Penal Code of 22 May 1902. According to paragraph 2 of the regulations, the prohibition entered into force immediately.

Furthermore, in accordance with the request for contributions to the efforts of humanitarian assistance to Somalia as mentioned in operative paragraph 9 of the resolution, the Norwegian Government has granted NOK 20 million in economic aid to Somalia for this year. This almost doubles last year's economic aid to the country.

The Norwegian Government is determined to comply with operative paragraph 6 of the resolution, and will accordingly refrain from any action that might lead to increasing tensions and delay a peaceful outcome to the conflict in Somalia.

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The Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his note No. SCPC/2/92 (1), dated 28 January 1992, has the honour to inform him that Côte d'Ivoire neither manufactures nor exports weapons and military equipment.

Côte d'Ivoire therefore does not need to take any action in order to meet the obligations set out in paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 733 (1992) concerning the embargo on deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Somalia.

Côte d'Ivoire, which is concerned at the deterioration in the situation in Somalia, supports all initiatives taken by the Security Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to bringing peace and security to the African region concerned.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the Secretary-General's note No. SCPC/2/92(1) dated 28 January regarding Security Council resolution 733 (1992), has the honour to inform that the Government of the Republic of the Sudan does not produce or export arms or involves itself in deliveries of weapons and military equipments to Somalia. On the other hand, Sudan is contributing to the efforts of humanitarian assistance to population of Somalia and has already sent a tangible relief assistance to Somalia.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations should be grateful if this note verbale would be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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